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~~reunites the partial beams are reunited~~ to form a total beam, said beam splitter apparatus being arranged at an angle between 35 and 50 degrees to the beam path.

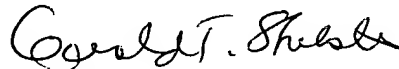
REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-15 as being indefinite. The Examiner has made certain comments concerning the indefiniteness of the claims, primarily claims 1 and 14-15. Applicant has amended the claims to remove the indefiniteness and as such, considers the claims to be acceptable as amended.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and re-examination thereof.

With the above amendments and the remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance, and Applicants earnestly solicit an early notice of same. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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